

Regular Session Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall
Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael A. Rosenberg, Chair; Mark Siegenthaler; William S. Moonan; Margot R. Fleischman; Caroline Fedele and Town Manager Richard T. Reed

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen; Cable Television Committee candidates Jon O’Connor and Christopher Weisz; Acting Public Works Director Adrienne St. John; Grounds Operations Manager Dennis Freeman; Beals and Thomas Engineer/Consultant Eric Glass; Historic Preservation Commission member Don Corey, Depot Park Advisory members Joseph Piantedosi and James Shea; Recreation Director Amy Hamilton; Recreation Commission member Ron Richter; Bedford Residents Tom Mulligan, Jim O’Neal, Judy Eggleston; Finance Committee member Ben Thomas; Capital Expenditures Committee member Brian Bartkus; Press Representative Debra Parkhurst; Bedford TV representative

Chair Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

16-232 Committee Appointment Interviews
Cable Television Committee

As the Selectmen Liaison to the Cable Television Committee, Mr. Moonan informed the candidates that the Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen. The Committee is charged with reviewing the budget, assisting with contract negotiations between the Town, Verizon and Comcast as well as regulatory issues regarding streaming.

Chair Rosenberg asked the candidates to explain their interest in serving on this Committee as well as any expertise they might bring.

Jon O’Connor stated that he has attended three Cable Television Committee meetings thus far. Mr. O’Connor feels that his 12 years of experience on the Capital Expenditures Committee will be beneficial in helping the Cable Television Committee reach their goals and be in line with the Town’s planning structure.

Christopher Weisz informed the Selectmen that he has an extensive technological background that would be an asset to the Cable Television Committee. Mr. Weisz also has experience in negotiating business contracts and reviewing business financials which would prove valuable to the Committee.

Ms. Fleischman asked the candidates if they were currently serving on any other Committees. Mr. O'Connor is not at this time. Mr. Weisz is an alternate for the Historic District Committee. When asked if there would be any schedule conflict for Mr. Weisz, he stated that the Historic District Committee meets infrequently and there would be no conflict.

At this time, Chair Rosenberg asked Mr. Siegenthaler to explain the Open Meeting Law, the Conflict of Interest Law, and the Rules of Civil Discourse. Mr. Siegenthaler encouraged the interviewees to consider taking on a leadership role as chair in the future.

Ms. Fedele and Mr. Siegenthaler thanked both candidates for volunteering again to serve on another Town Committee.

Mr. Moonan made a motion to appoint Christopher Weisz to the Cable Television Committee with a term ending June 30, 2017. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Ms. Fedele made a motion to appoint Jon O'Connor to the Cable Television Committee with a term ending June 30, 2018. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

16-233

**Common Victualers License Application
Sodexo at Oracle – 100 Crosby Drive**

Town Manager Richard Reed stated that this application for a Common Victualers license was one company replacing another in the cafeteria at Oracle.

Ms. Fleischman moved that the Selectmen approve the Common Victualler's License for Sodexo, operating at Oracle, 100 Crosby Drive. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

**16-234 Springs Brook Park Pool Feasibility Study Presentation
Beals and Thomas – Stoughton, MA**

Professional Engineer and Consultant Eric Glass from Beals and Thomas presented the Selectmen with their findings on the Feasibility Study for a pool at Springs Brook Park. The study began one year ago. Beals and Thomas installed monitoring wells around Springs Brook Park. Because wetlands surround the Park, groundwater is a concern. In the spring, groundwater was found to be just one foot below grade in many areas. This would cause an issue whenever the pool needed maintenance or to be drained for the season. Initially, Beals and Thomas were looking to recreate the current configuration of the pool at Springs Brook Park. Because of the groundwater issue, they began to look at other layouts that would be more suitable for this location.

Three concepts were developed that would allow for better drainage of the pool but remain in the Springs Brook Park area. All options would include a new spray park, two pavilions, an office/storage building, concession building, basketball and volleyball courts and playground. These concepts were:

1. Three Pools: dive pool, lap pool and zero-depth entry
2. Two Pools: lap pool and zero-depth entry
3. Spray Park only

Another option explored was building an indoor pool facility. Beals and Thomas looked at the Beede Center in Concord as a benchmark. That facility was constructed in 2006. It is 30,000 square feet and includes a dive pool, lap pool, kiddie pool with fountain, therapy pool and two fitness rooms. The cost to build this facility was \$11 million. Mr. Glass presented the Selectmen with a proposed location of where an indoor facility might be built in the Town.

The cost for the various pools options are:

- \$10 - 16 million for the 3 pool concept at Springs Brook Park
- \$9 - 14 million for the 2 pool concept at Springs Brook Park
- \$4 - 6 million for the Spray park concept only at Springs Brook Park
- \$14 million for an indoor pool facility at Springs Brook Park

Mr. Glass also discussed looking at alternate locations for the outdoor pool facility given the groundwater and bedrock issues at Springs Brook. It would cost approximately \$7.5 - \$11 million to build elsewhere.

In order to raise the pools high enough to be safe from groundwater at the current location, Mr. Glass said approximately 100 cubic feet of earth would be needed.

Recreation Department Director Amy Hamilton stated that the Recreation Commission believes that putting something in at Springs Brook Park is cost prohibitive. An indoor facility would be ideal as it could be used year round. Ms. Hamilton said that the Recreation Commission would like to send a survey to the residents to see how interested they would be in an indoor facility as opposed to an outdoor one.

Ms. Fleischman asked if forming a Springs Brook Park Advisory Committee might be worthwhile. Ms. Hamilton stated that an additional committee is not needed as the Recreation Commission is well versed in this issue.

Mr. Moonan asked if the Recreation Revolving Fund would pay for the survey. Ms. Hamilton said that it would.

Chair Rosenberg asked when the survey would be sent out. Ms. Hamilton stated that it would be done as soon as possible; ideally within the next six months or sooner.

Ms. Fleischman asked that the Selectmen have the opportunity to review the survey before it is sent to residents to see what options are being presented.

16-235 Complete Streets Policy

Mr. Reed presented the Selectmen with the revised Complete Streets Policy. The Selectmen had reviewed a draft of the policy last summer. The State has released its requirements and the Town's Complete Streets Policy has been amended to reflect those requirements. Town Engineers Adrienne St. John and Kristin Dowdy worked on the policy to ready it for submission to the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Reed stated that once the policy was approved by the DOT, the Town could apply for Complete Streets Grants for Town projects that are in line with the initiative.

Ms. Fleischman raised some questions about the language in the policy. There is a reference to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Committee being responsible for reviewing the Complete Streets implementation and effectiveness. This Committee is no longer in existence.

Ms. Fleischman also noted that there is a sentence that reads "The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will make recommendations to the Planning Board..." TAC provides recommendations to the Selectmen directly not the Planning Board.

Mr. Siegenthaler stated that the Implementation section of the Complete Streets Policy was misleading as it only mentions bicycles and pedestrians with regards to transportation. It should encompass all modes of transportation.

Mr. Moonan was concerned with the Best Practices section as it was not clear who was in charge should a conflict arise.

Finally, Ms. Fleischman suggested that the edited version be returned to the TAC prior to coming before the Selectmen again for approval and submission to the State. Mr. Reed concurred.

**16-236 Depot Park Advisory Committee
Request for Proposals Discussion**

The leases for the four tenants at Depot Park will expire on December 31, 2016. The Selectmen discussed whether the leases should be renewed and for how long. The Selectmen would like to see the property restored, inside and out, to its original design. Depot Park Advisory Committee (DPAC) Chair Joseph Piantedosi and Historic Preservation Commission member Don Corey both stated that the building's exterior has been restored and looks much like it did 60 years ago. They both said renovating the interior would be a major undertaking and it is not the charge of DPAC. Chair Piantedosi also stated that the building is fully occupied and that the rental income is helping with the maintenance and upkeep of the building.

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the leases for the four tenants should be extended.

Ms. Fedele made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate the lease extension of three years in duration after December 31, 2016. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

Mr. Moonan moved to amend the previous motion to a term of two and a half years instead of three. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-2-0. Ms. Fedele and Chair Rosenberg voted against.

Chair Rosenberg called for a vote on the motion to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate the lease extension of two and a half years in duration after December 31, 2016.

The motion passed 4-1-0. Ms. Fedele voted against.

16-237 Miscellaneous Action Items
One Day Special Liquor License
Bedford Center for the Arts at Old Town Hall
May 11, 2016

Mr. Moonan made a motion to grant a One Day Special Liquor License to Bedford Center for the Arts at Old Town Hall on May 11, 2016. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

16-238 Minutes
Regular Session – March 28, 2016

Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 28, 2016 as amended. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

16-239 Town Manager's Report

Mr. Reed presented the Selectmen with a resignation letter to sign for a member of the Recreation Commission.

The current list of Selectmen's Liaison Assignments was distributed. This will be discussed in more detail at the May 2, 2016 meeting.

16-240 Open Discussion and Selectmen Liaison Reports

Mr. Moonan attended a Cable Television Committee meeting the previous week. Bedford Cable Access Television (BCAT) was looking for more money to pay for recent expenses. It is the Cable Television Committee's belief that operating funds from last year were not brought forward to pay for these recent expenses.

Chair Rosenberg stated that he will try to attend the Change of Command at Hanscom as well as the legislative breakfast on April 29th.

Ms. Fleischman made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session and to not return to Regular Session. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.

The Selectmen were polled individually: Moonan, aye, Siegenthaler, aye, Fleischman, aye, Rosenberg, aye and Fedele, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.